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Sisters Represent Selfridge in State Pageant

Press Release

Grace and Claire Duval, daughters of U.S. Army CW3 Daniel and Natalie Duval, represented Chesterfield Township in the Michigan National American Miss Princess Pageant July 22-24 at the Troy Marriott. The girls, ages 5 and 6, were two of 61 state finalists for Michigan. The National American Miss Pageant is the largest youth pageant in America with 31,000 applicants nationwide in 2004. The girls were judged on talent, interview, community involvement, and personal introduction, where each girl gave a short speech about her hobbies and ambitions.

Grace and Claire are home schooled and have been playing violin since they were two years old. Claire took first place in talent for the state of Michigan and Grace was the 1st runner-up. Claire also

won the writing competition, an optional event during the pageant. Grace and Claire both received trophies for community involvement and spirit. The girls often play their violins at different churches and nursing homes in the local area. Grace and Claire will perform at Chrysler's Arts, Beats & Eats festival this Labor Day weekend.

Between the sisters, the girls took home 13 trophies and \$400. Grace was 1st runner-up in the entire state and Claire was 3rd runner-up. Since both girls were in the top five, they are eligible to compete in national competition at Disneyland in November. The girls were also the only sister set to be selected together to compete at the state level. As the girls say, "A win for each other is a win for

the family!"



Grace and Claire Duval pose for photos after the Michigan National American Miss Princess Pageant in July.

Selfridge Anglers Participate in Fishing Derby

by Russ Dyer
Sports Writer

Lake St. Clair's fish population suffered a serious hit on Saturday, July 31, when twenty-two anglers took part in Selfridge's 2nd annual Fishing Derby.

Despite early-morning fog and the threat of rain, the fishermen launched their boats into a light chop on Anchor Bay, determined to claim prizes for landing the most fish, the longest fish, and the most unusual fish. The awards were to be made in categories - youth (ages 5-16) and adult.

After four hours of intense fishing, the anglers returned to the Outdoor Recreation Marina and gathered anxiously around the judging table as their

catch was counted and measured by Facilities Specialist John Heim.

Richard Patton of the Detroit Navy Reserve Center caught the most fish in the adult category with three, 16½-inch smallmouth bass and a 7½-inch rock bass. Jacob Jozwiak from the St. Clair Shores Coast Guard Station claimed the award for the day's longest fish by boating a 33¼-inch Northern Pike. Joswiak said the fish took him "about ten minutes" to land after it struck his Chartreuse Tube lure. The decision as to the prize winner in the adult category for most unusual fish required a bit of constructive thought, but

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Rick Jones, winner in all three youth categories, poses with two of his three medals.

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Use Non-traditional Ways to Find a New Job

by Kevin B. Ware

Employment Readiness

There are lots of ways to find a job, and you'll have to take advantage of every one of them to find the job that's right for you.

In this article, we will look at the various methods for finding work and give you tips for contacting employers and landing the right job.

Who's Hiring?

Experts predict that the United States job market will add about 20 million jobs between 1998 and 2008. In addition, some 33 million people will leave their jobs during these years, and those positions will have to be filled. So, if you're looking for work, there should be plenty of places to find it.

Despite the increase in jobs, it still may be hard for you to find the job you want. That's because many companies do not advertise their open positions. Only about 25% of all available jobs are publicized, according to some professionals. The rest of these positions are filled privately. Here's how it works:

- Employees tell friends, neighbors and family members about open positions where they work.
- Companies actively recruit students by visiting schools.

• Companies turn to employment agencies to find qualified candidates.

• Employers and state employment services work together to place qualified workers.

• Labor unions, professional organizations, technical associations, and other groups contact employers to find jobs for their members.

As you can see, it helps to have connections; however, the Employment

Readiness Program at U. S. Army Garrison - Michigan (Selfridge) can assist in getting you connected to some job information that will assist in the job search process.

Call the Employment Readiness Program Manager at (586) 307-4258 or send an e-mail to wareK@tacom.army.mil and set up an appointment and get help in your job search.

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Join AAFES in celebrating a major campaign to salute the Military Retirees! The 3-day Still Serving 2004 Event will feature many specials and activities at all AAFES facilities at Selfridge. The first 75 customers each day will receive a free AAFES catalog. Enjoy cake at the Main Store and join Catwoman at the Class Six as she invites customers to enjoy Wine & Liquor tastings. Look for some great customer giveaways at all AAFES facilities. Stop by the Shoppette and let AAFES take you back to a slower-paced nostalgic time and have an attendant fill

your gas tank, check your oil and wash your windows. Representatives from the Macomb County of Veterans Affairs and SATO travel will be on hand to answer questions and provide information. More activities are being planned daily, so watch for Main Store flyers as the event draws closer. Mark your calendars for September 17-19 to come out and shop your Selfridge AAFES facilities and participate in the many great events of STILL SERVING 2004 – SALUTING OUR MILITARY RETIREES!



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Get Ready for Fall at the Outdoor Recreation Center

by Barb Ferrence
Manager

Our hours of operation have changed, but there's still a lot going on at the Outdoor Recreation Center. Come visit us Tuesday through Saturday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. or just give us a call at (586) 307-5499 and see what we have to offer.

Our rental boats will be available during normal operating hours through September (weather permitting). Reservations aren't necessary but are encouraged. Just give us a call and make your reservation over the phone. A first-hour deposit is required on all boat reservations. Seasonal bait sales will also continue through September as well.

For those individuals who want to get a jump on cleaning and storing their boat for the winter season, Outdoor Recreation has the equipment and space to assist. Boat power washing and shrink-wrapping will

be offered by appointment only beginning September 1. Individuals can power wash their boats in half hour rental blocks between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, at the rate of \$6.00 per half-hour block. Boat shrink-wrapping is also available; rates are based on length and beam of boat and start at \$100. Contact us for appointment times and pricing.

Individuals requiring temporary winter storage can begin reserving spaces on September 1. Spaces are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Normally spaces are available to accommodate most requests. Vehicles can be stored November 1 through April 1.

Anyone interested in renting a boat slip in the Private Berthing Marina for the 2005 season will be required to register at the Outdoor Recreation Center (Bldg. 903)

beginning November 1 through January 31. Proof of ownership is required at time of registration. Slips will be offered on a priority basis to Active Duty, Retired, Guard/Reserve and DOD Civilian personnel. Actual boat slip assignments will begin in February and eligible registrants will be notified by mail.

A reminder to our customers that the following areas of operation will close for the winter beginning October 31: Selfridge Boat Launch, 700 Marina and the Top 4 Picnic Area. These areas will reopen for use on April 1. The Selfridge Five Flags Campground is open and we will continue to take reservations for the fall season and the spring of 2005. Dry camping is also available throughout the winter months.

Enjoy the fall season and feel free to contact the Outdoor Recreation Center with questions or comments.

New School Age Programs to Begin This Fall

by Janine Martel
School Age Services Director

Your children may not be ready to end the summer but Club Adventure, the Selfridge School Age Services program, is ready for the school year with lots of new programs. Club Adventure continues to expand the choices and programs offered to school age children. Over the next several weeks, the school age program will be undergoing a "make-over." The first big change will be that all school age children will be in Building 780. The 4th and 5th graders will have a space created just for them in room 17 which will also house the new homework and computer lab. We are anxiously awaiting seven new, state-of-the-art computers for our new lab. We are also focusing on expanding our academic support program by upgrading the homework areas to make them more inviting to children. We haven't forgotten how important art, recreation and leisure are either, so we have plans to include a game area in the gym and an art program that includes pottery and

ceramics. In addition to the successful 4H programs we have been offering, we will be adding some new 4H project clubs. Over the next school year, children will be able to sign up for some exciting clubs like woodworking and sewing. Our life skill and character education programs will also expand. We will also have Wild Over Work (WOW), a 4-H program to help 4th and 5th graders develop the skills necessary to make good decisions about life choices. We will again offer a special character building program for 1st-3rd graders, "Character Cubs." Children will have fun while they develop important skills in conflict resolution and being a responsible citizen. Club Adventure will also offer a "Young Scientist" program, featuring weekly activities that will spark an interest in science and hone investigative skills children need for school success.

There will be an Open House of September 15, which will also be our first

Family Night. The open house will be from 6:00-7:30 and include pizza, fun and information. We will offer several special events and programs this fall like the "Lights Out After School Program" on October 7 and Red Ribbon Week during October 25-29. A Fall Family Night on October 20 is also planned.

Club Adventure projects and programs are open to all eligible school age children who are registered through Central Registration. The registration fee includes 6 hours of free open recreation per child per month. These hours can be used for any of the 4H programs or other programs and projects offered during regular School Age Services hours. Your registration also entitles you to use the computer labs, play youth sports and sign up for special classes like dance. If you would like more information on Club Adventure programs, please contact Central Registration at 307-4840.

Think Safety When Returning to School This Year

by Eugene Yuells
USAG-MI Safety Office

Riding the Bus

School bus transportation is safe. In fact, buses are safer than cars! Even so, last year, approximately 26 students were killed and another 9,000 were injured in incidents involving school buses. More often than not, these deaths and injuries didn't occur in a crash, but as the pupils were entering and exiting the bus. Remember these safety tips:

Have a safe place to wait for your bus, away from traffic and the street.

Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.

When being dropped off, exit the bus and walk ten giant steps away from the bus. Keep a safe distance between you and the bus. Also, remember that the bus driver can see you best when you are back away from the bus.

Use the handrail to enter and exit the bus.

Stay away from the bus until the driver gives his/her signal that it's okay to approach.

Be aware of the street traffic around you. Drivers *are* required to follow certain rules of the road concerning school buses; however, not all do. Protect yourself and watch out!

Walking and Biking to School

Even if you don't ride in a motor vehicle, you still have to protect yourself. Because of minimal supervision, young pedestrians face a wide variety of decisions making situations and dangers while walking to and from school. Here are a few basic safety tips to follow:

Mind all traffic signals and/or the crossing guard - never cross the street

against a light, even if you don't see any traffic coming.

Walk your bike through intersections. Walk with a buddy. Wear reflective material...it makes you more visible to street traffic.

Riding in a Car

You might have heard before that most traffic crashes occur close to home ... they do. Safety belts are the best form of protection passengers have in the event of a crash. They can lower your risk of injury by 45%.

You are four times more likely to be seriously injured or killed if ejected from the vehicle in a crash.

Everyone needs to be buckled up properly. That means older kids in seat belts, younger kids in booster seats and little kids in child safety seats.



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Upcoming MWR Events

Saturday-Monday, September 4-6

Top 4 Swimming Pool - Open swimming, 12 Noon - 8 p.m. Call 307-5053 for more information.

Sunday-Tuesday, September 5-7

Outdoor Recreation - Closed. Call 307-5499 for more information.

Tuesday, September 7

Top 4 Swimming Pool - Closed until May 2005. Call 307-5053 for more information.

Wednesday, September 15

School Age Services Open House and Family Fun Night - Join Child & Youth Services for Family Fun Night in Bldg 780 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. Call 307-5535 to register.

Friday and Saturday, September 17 & 18

Selfridge Commissary Case Lot Sale - Starting at 8 a.m. Call 307-5570 for more information.

Armed Forces Team Building (AFTB) Level 1 - Bldg. 780, Room 104, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 307-5903 for more information.

Saturday, September 25

2004 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., in the Sports Center (Bldg. 165). Call 307-5202 for more information or to sign up.

Infant and Child CPR Class - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Call 307-4840 for more information or to sign up.

Tuesday, September 28

"MacBeth" Play Performance - 1 p.m. in the Bldg 200 Auditorium, Detroit Arsenal. Call 307-5432 for more information.

Child & Youth Services Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Parent Round-up - 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the Vandenberg Community Center. Call 307-4840 for more information.

Ongoing

Intramural Flag Football - Every Monday and Wednesday, 6 - 9 p.m., beginning September 13. Call 307-5202 for more information or to register.

Veterinary Clinic Hours - Every Tuesday, 5-8 p.m., and Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 Noon. Call 307-5246 for appointment.

Thrift Shop - The Thrift Shop is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and the first Saturday of the month, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 307-4405 for information.

LifeMAP Class - Every Tuesday, 4-5:30 p.m., Bldg. 780 Room 102. Call 307-5211 for information.

Chapel Services - Men's Bible Study every Friday, 6:30-8 a.m. Call 307-4020 for more information.

Multi-Craft Classes - Ceramic and Porcelain Doll Classes - Tuesdays and Thursday from 6-9 p.m. **Stained Glass Classes** - Every Monday from 6-8 p.m. Both classes are in the Multi-craft Center, Bldg. 780. Cost for the class is determined by the project chosen. Call 307-6848 for more information.

Youth Sports Clubs - Youth ages 8-12 can participate in the **Jr. Sports Club** every third Thursday of the month in the Bldg. 780 Gym, beginning at 6:15 p.m. If your child/ren are ages 13-17 they can go to their monthly **Sports Club** meeting the third Thursday of every month at the same place. Call 307-5530 for more information.

Items available at Outdoor Recreation - Summer bait sales, theme park tickets, boat and equipment rentals, Top 4 Picnic Area reservations, boater safety certification, privately-owned boat launch, and Five Flags Campground facilities. For more information on any of these programs, please call 307-5499.

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Volunteer Opportunities: Gain work experience! Sharpen current skills! Be involved! Be a volunteer! Volunteers are needed to staff the following positions: Dental Clinic Receptionist, Youth Sports Coach. For more information, contact the Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator at (586) 307-2923, or GreinL@ta.com.army.mil.

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